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For : A METHOD FOR DECOMPOSING POLYESTERS

CONTAINING AROMATIC MOIETIES, A DENIER REDUCTION METHOD OF FIBER, AND

MICROORGANISMS HAVING ACTIVITY OF

DECOMPOSING THE POLYESTER

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Sir:

Submitted herewith in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.808(a)(2) are two Declarations, signed by the inventors, that state that all restrictions placed on the deposit of strains FERM BP-6444 and FERM BP-6445 deposited under the Budapest Treaty will be irrevocably removed upon the issuance of a patent.

It is believed that no fee is due for the submission of this Request. However, if such fees are deemed necessary, please charge said fees to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

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